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DARKCHYLDE™

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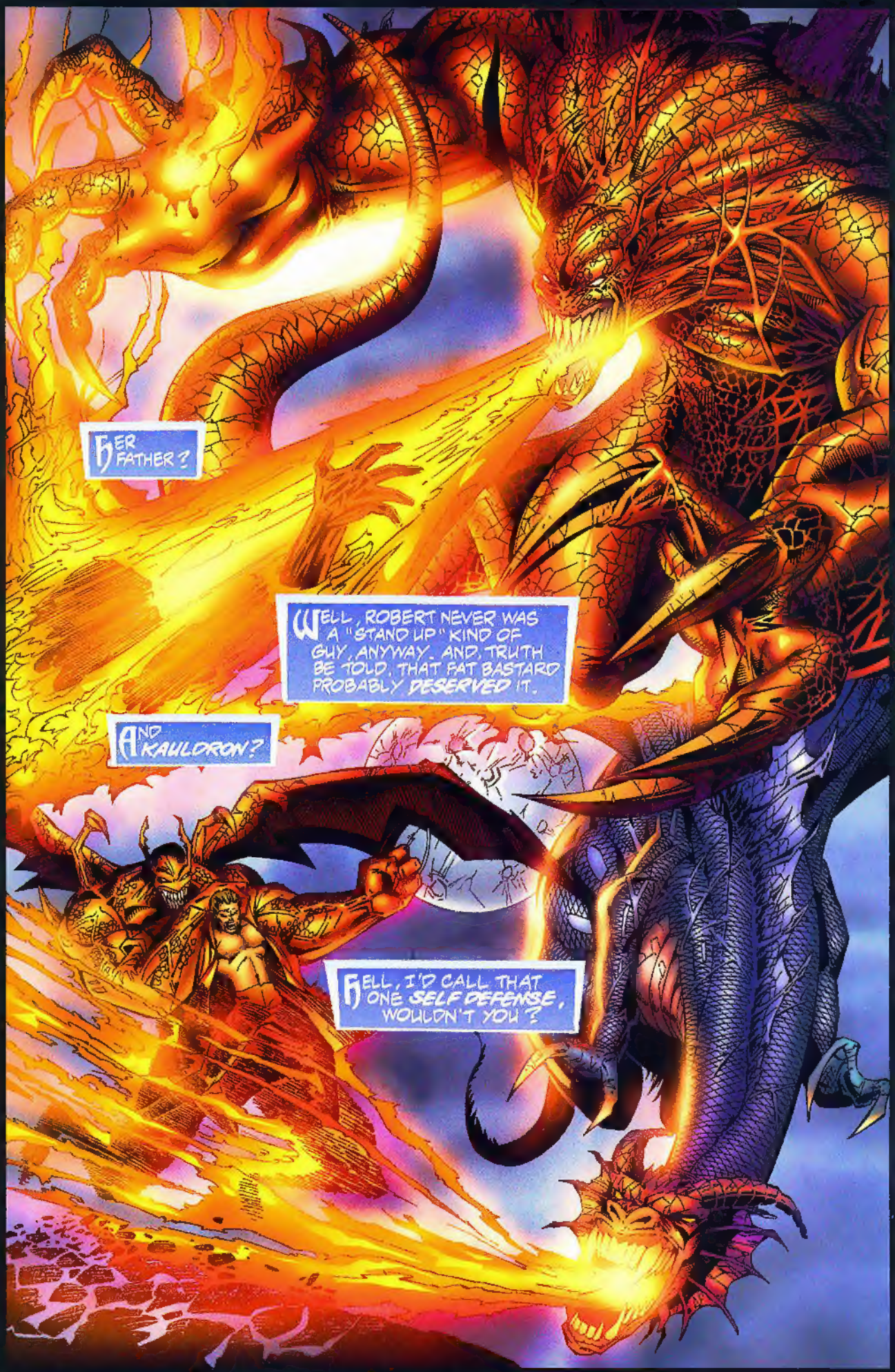
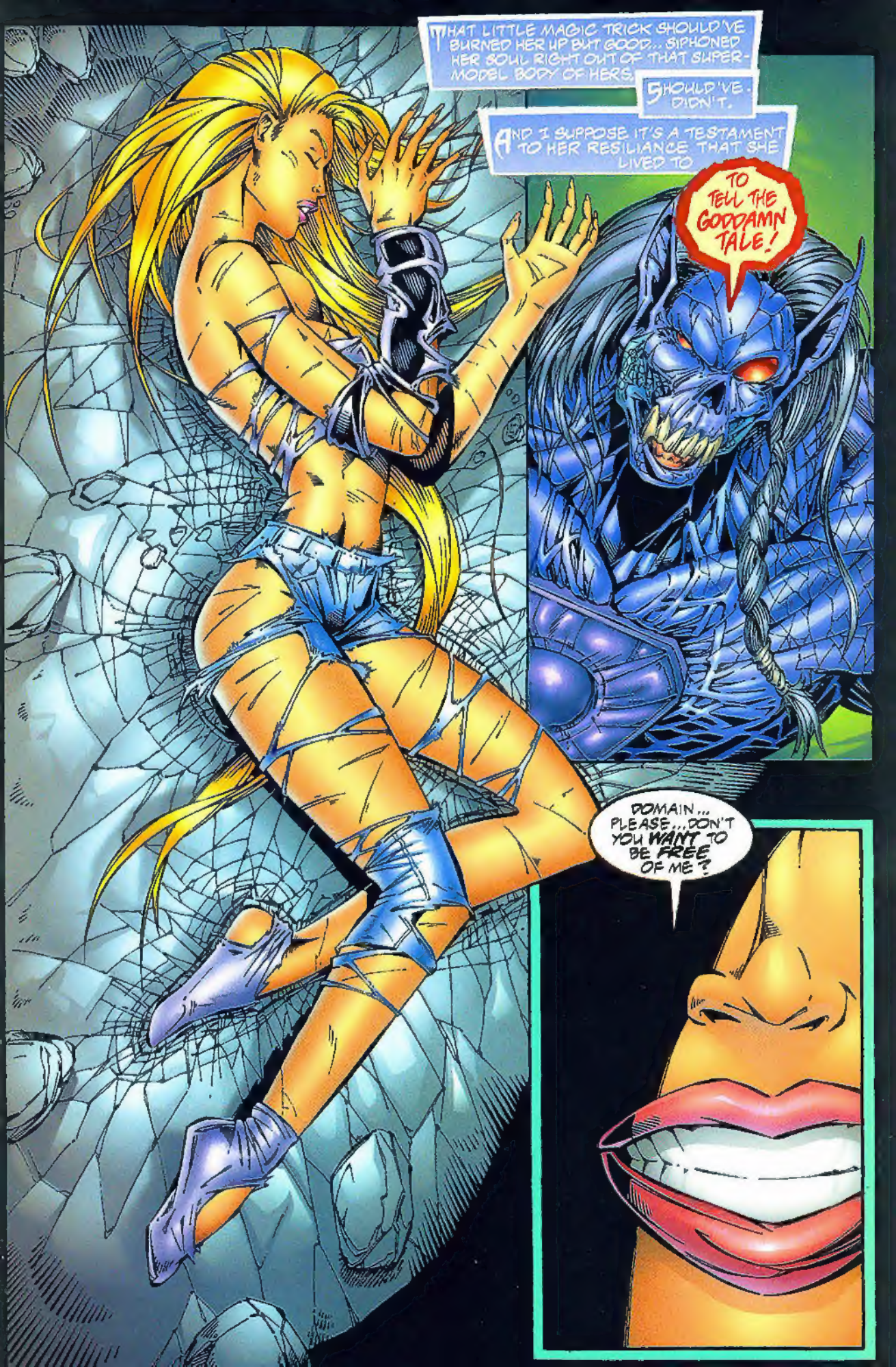
ARIEL WAS A GOOD LITTLE GIRL AND NEVER KILLED ANYBODY.
YOGI


HER FATHER?
WELL, ROBERT NEVER WAS A "STAND UP" KIND OF GUY, ANYWAY. AND, TRUTH BE TOLD, THAT FAT BASTARD PROBABLY DESERVED IT.
AND KAULDRON?
HELL, I'D CALL THAT ONE SELF DEFENSE, WOULDN'T YOU?

You're just pissed 'cause you wanted to waste him yourself, didn't you? You're so quick to blame Ariel for your predicament, but the sad reality is that HE was the brains behind it all!
He's who you should REALLY hold accountable. And you just can't stand it, can you?!?
CAREFUL, MEELY MOUTH. YOU CAN BLABBER ON INSIDE MY HEAD, I CAN'T HELP THAT, BUT
AND YOU CAN WANDER THROUGH YOUR STUPID LITTLE WORLD UNDER WHATEVER PRETENSE HELPS YOU SLEEP, GIRLY! BUT WE OF THE DOMAIN ARE THE ONES PULLING YOUR STRINGS, NOT THE OTHER WAY AROUND!
Bet that makes you so sad, doesn't it? Sad Sad Sad! Not Glad Glad Glad!
SHUT UP!

THANKS IN PART TO MY GOOD FRIEND ARIEL, I NOW HAVE THE ESSENCE OF THREE STRAY NIGHTMARELINGS BOUNCING AROUND IN MY SKULL. THEY ARE HELD AS MUCH A PRISONER TO ME AS I AM TO THEM.
THE INCESSANT RAMBLING AND SHARED SPACE OF FOUR DECIDEDLY DIFFERENT PERSONALITIES IN MY BRAIN HAVE MADE ME A VERITABLE WALKING ASYLUM.
AND DO I LOOK HAPPY ABOUT IT?
I'M NOT. PRETTY DARN FAR FROM IT, ACTUALLY.
AND THESE GUYS, BEING FROM THE PLACE OF WHICH ARIEL IS SUCH AN INTEGRAL PART, COUPLED WITH MY OWN PARTICULARLY PERSONAL CONNECTION, ALLOW ME TO "SEE" THE EVENTS WHICH TRANSPIRED HERE IN SALEM ONLY RECENTLY.
IT ALLOWS ME TO "READ" THE RESIDUAL ENERGIES OF THE SURROUNDINGS, AND THERE'S A LOT TO BE READ.
SO MUCH WAS UNLEASHED HERE.
I BET THE LITTLE IDIOT HAS NO IDEA HOW MUCH RAW POWER IS AT HER FINGERTIPS, AND OF WHAT SHE IS TRULY CAPABLE OF. NO IDEA.
BUT FOR ME, MAYBE THAT'S A GOOD THING. IT IS A GOOD THING.

NOT THAT IT MAKES WHAT I HAVE TO DO *THAT* MUCH EASIER.
MAYBE, IN THE END, MORE *SATISFYING*. BUT CERTAINLY NOT ANY EASIER.
I JUST WISH I COULD'VE "PICKED UP THE TRAIL" A LITTLE SOONER, IF YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN.
I WOULD'VE ENJOYED SOME OF THE FIREWORKS. WOULD'VE CONTRIBUTED TO SOME OF THE FIREWORKS.
HMMM. *WOW*. SHE EVEN BROUGHT THE FEARED AND MIGHTY *FANG* INTO THE PICTURE. WONDER HOW SHE PULLED THAT ONE OFF. SUICIDE GESTURE IF I EVER SAW ONE.
SHE HAS NO IDEA HOW HER ABILITY WORKS. I'M WILLING TO BET FANG DOES, THOUGH. HE WOULDN'T HAVE THROWN HIS HAT INTO THE RING WITHOUT GAMBLING HE'D GET SOMETHING IN RETURN...
LUCKY LITTLE GIRL, THAT ARIEL.


THAT LITTLE MAGIC TRICK SHOULD'VE BURNED HER UP BUT GOOD... SIPHONED HER SOUL RIGHT OUT OF THAT SUPER-MODEL BODY OF HERS.
SHOULD'VE. DIDN'T.
AND I SUPPOSE IT'S A TESTAMENT TO HER RESILIANCE THAT SHE LIVED TO
TO TELL THE GODDAMN TALE!
DOMAIN... PLEASE... DON'T YOU WANT TO BE FREE OF ME?

Don't ask us stupid ass questions, stupid ass.
PLEASE STOP FINISHING
Your thoughts for you?
THE SOONER I PUT THE PIECES
TOGETHER
...THE SOONER WE WILL ALL BE ABLE TO GO OUR
Separate ways!
SO DON'T STOP BELIEVIN', JESSICA...
And Send Her My Love!!! Yeah, yeah, that was a good one!
YOU'RE ALL SO INCREDIBLY FUNNY. YOU MUST ENJOY BEING HELD HOSTAGE IN MY HEAD. KEEPS YOU FROM HAVING TO MAKE ANY REAL DECISIONS ON YOUR OWN, THREE CODEPENDANT CRAZIES.
BUT THE SOONER YOU DECIDE TO HELP ME PUT THE PIECES TOGETHER, THE SOONER I MAKE LITTLE ARIEL UNDO WHAT WAS DONE...
SHE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT WAS DONE, JESSICA. YOU CAN'T HOLD HER RESPONSIBLE.
KAULDRON IS DEAD, AND ARIEL'S THE ONLY REMAINING PIECE OF THE EQUATION.
I CAN AND DO HOLD HER RESPONSIBLE.

I WON'T BE MANIPULATED BY PITY OR REMORSE THE WAY THAT OVERGROWN LIZARD WAS.

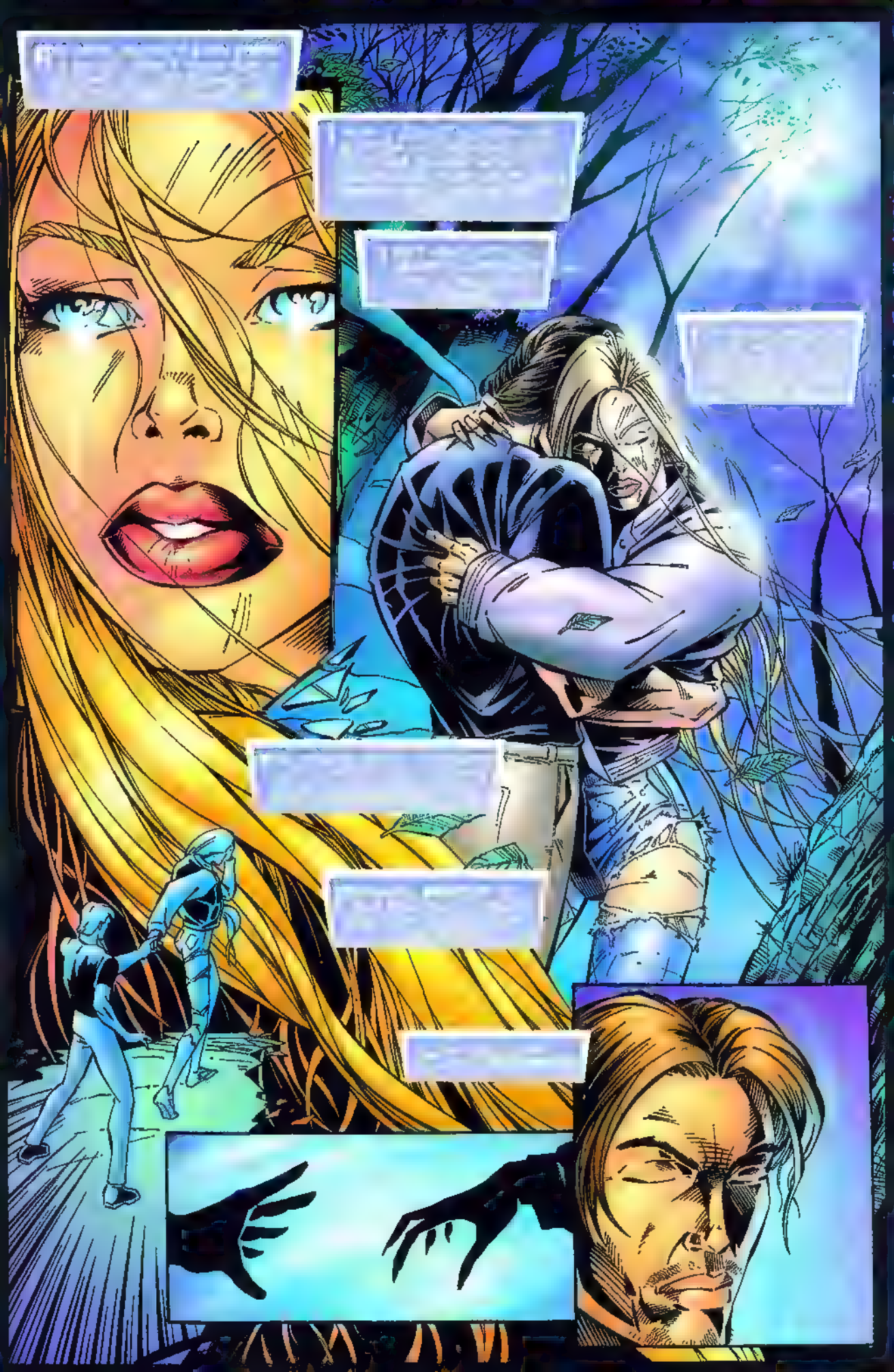
"WON'T HESITATE WHEN THE TIME HAS COME TO CLOSE THE DEAL.

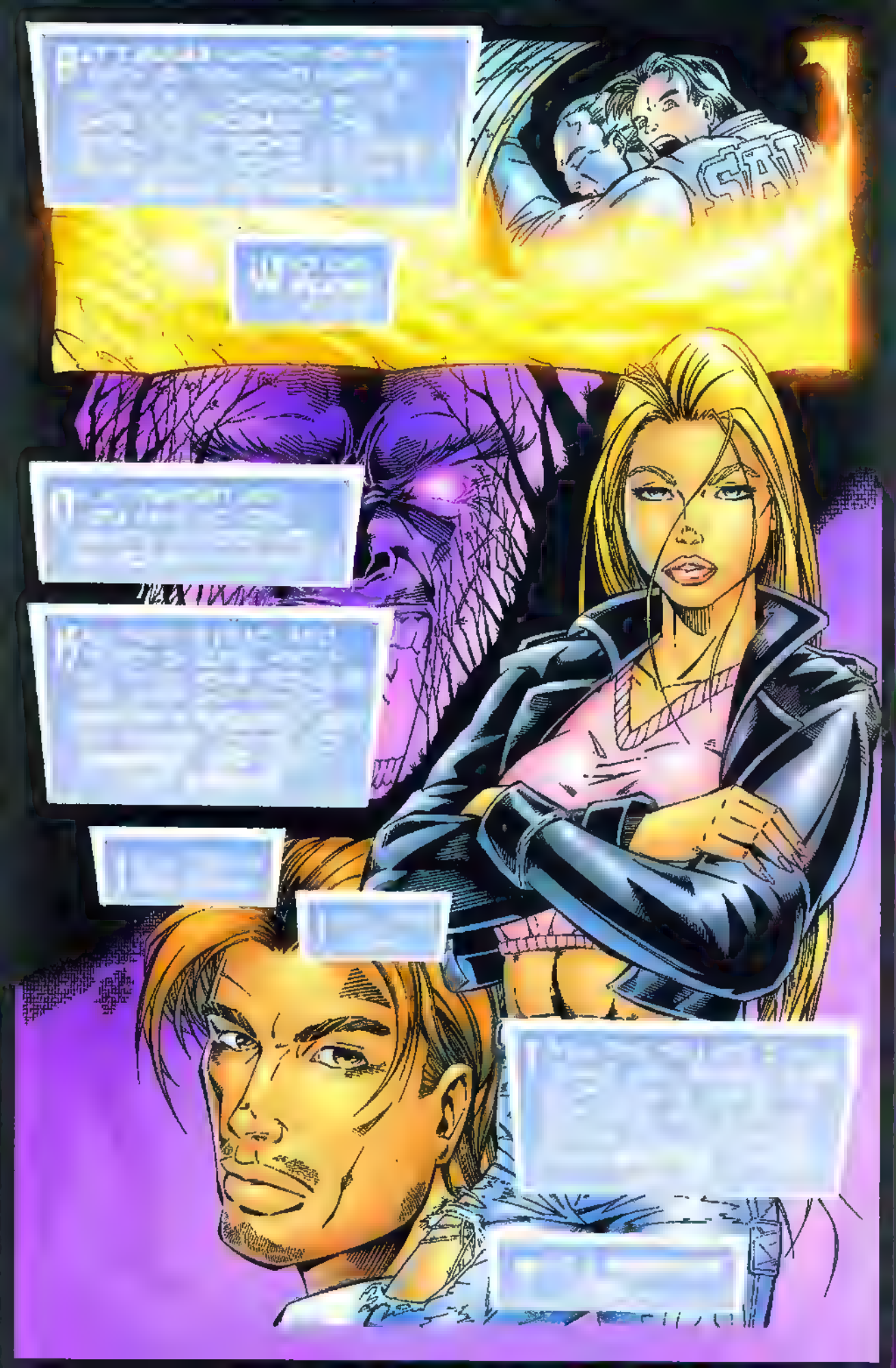
IT'S AMAZING TO ME THAT FANG WOULD ALLOW HIMSELF TO BE "BORROWED" IN SUCH A WAY. USED UP AND CAST BACK AND PROMISING NOT TO VOLUNTARILY RETURN, EVEN THOUGH THAT OPTION WAS HIS.

I SUPPOSE HE HAD HIS OWN MOTIVES.

WANTED HIS REVENGE ON KAULDRON, JUST LIKE THE REST OF US, AND WAS WILLING TO EXCHANGE HIS FREEDOM FOR IT. WELL, I GUESS IT WAS A "***WIN-WIN***" FOR BOTH ARIEL AND THE ***DRAGON***. FANG MUST'VE ENJOYED POLISHING OFF ***KAULDRON*** AND HIS MINIONS WITH SWIFT ANGRY ***JUSTICE***.

ROBBED ME OF THE PLEASURE. I'LL DEAL WITH ***FANG*** LATER. I REMEMBER HIS WEAKNESS, AND HE'S ***FORGOTTEN*** HE ***HAS*** ONE.





!!! MY BELOVED SISTER.
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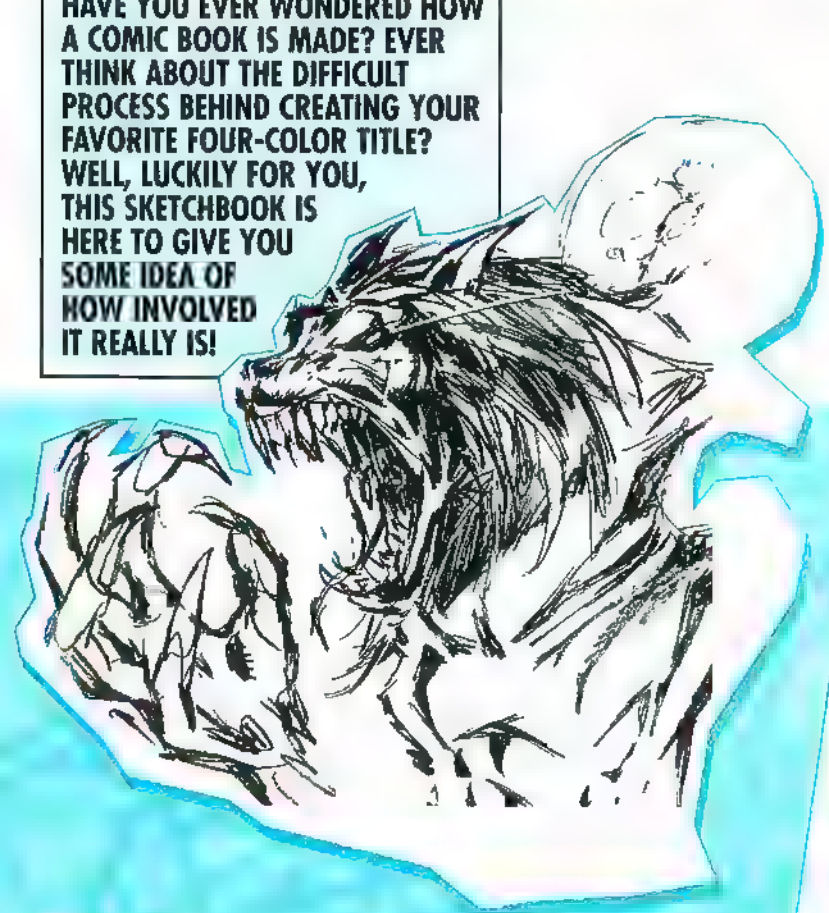
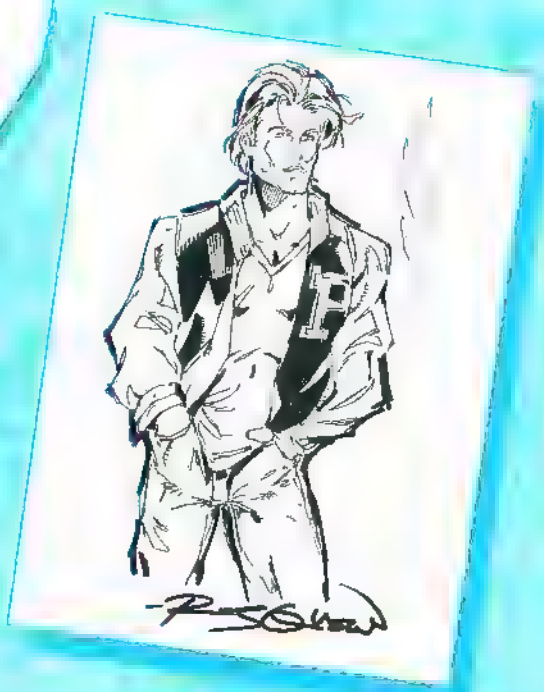
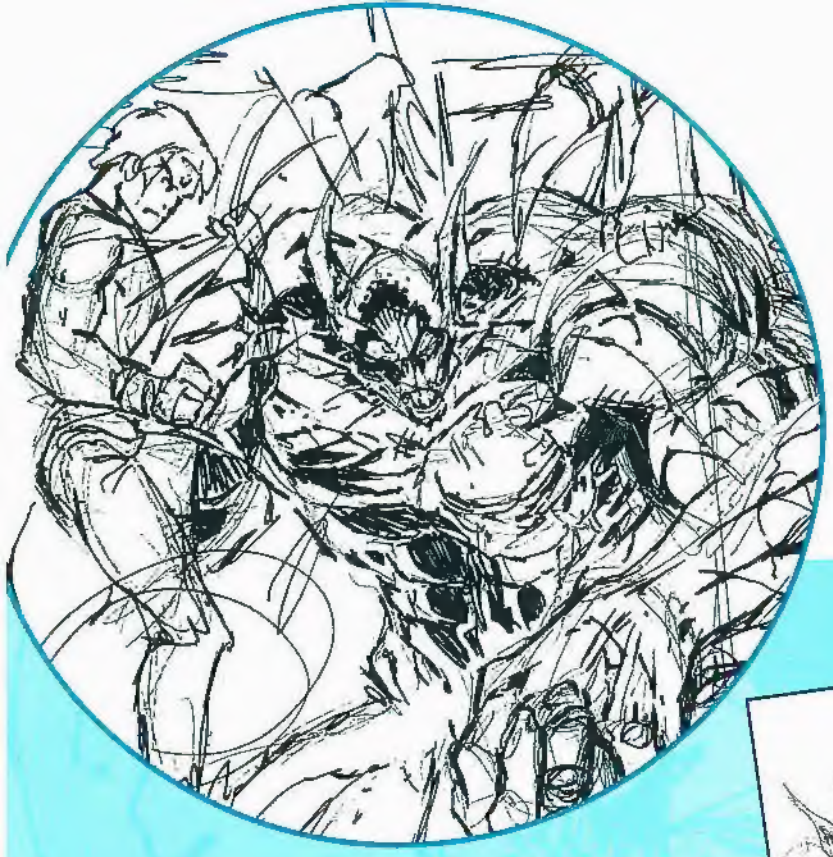
BEHIND THE SCENES GOODIES

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED HOW A COMIC BOOK IS MADE? EVER THINK ABOUT THE DIFFICULT PROCESS BEHIND CREATING YOUR FAVORITE FOUR-COLOR TITLE? WELL, LUCKILY FOR YOU, THIS SKETCHBOOK IS HERE TO GIVE YOU SOME IDEA OF HOW INVOLVED IT REALLY IS!





MOST ARTISTS AND WRITERS WILL SPEND COUNTLESS HOURS PERFECTING THEIR CHARACTER CREATIONS...AND RANDY QUEEN IS NO EXCEPTION! CHECK OUT THIS POTPOURRI OF HIS INITIAL CHARACTER SKETCHES FOR *DARKCHYLDE!*

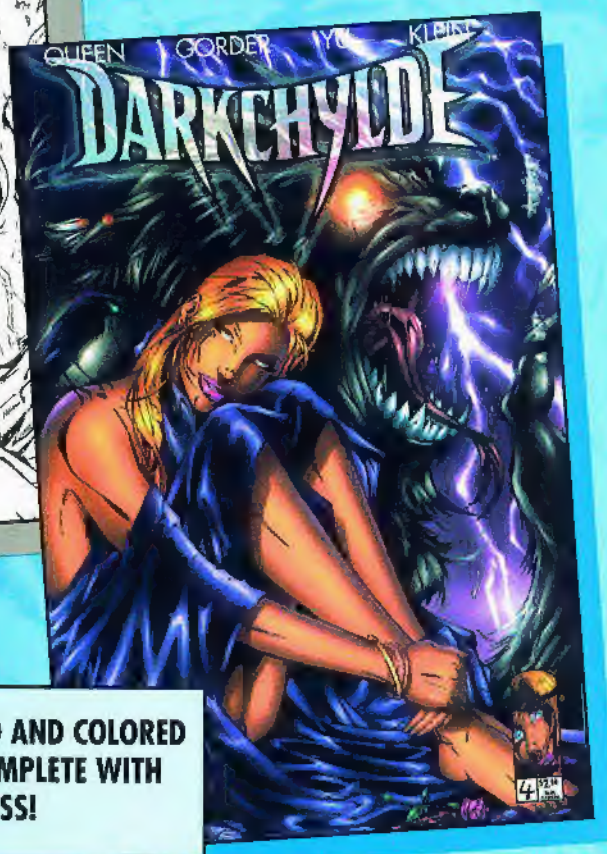


NO HERO IS COMPLETE WITHOUT HER OWN HOST OF ENEMIES... AND BELIEVE US, ARIEL'S GOT PLENTY!

DON'T BE AFRAID OF THESE SCARY CRITTERS, THOUGH, KIDDIES...AFTER ALL, THEY'RE ONLY PAPER AND INK!

THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF HOW A PIECE OF ART EVOLVES, STEP BY PAINSTAKING STEP! HERE WE'VE GOT A ROUGH SKETCH...

...THEN FINISHED PENCILS...



...AND FINALLY THE FULLY INKED AND COLORED COVER TO *DARKCHYLDE* #4, COMPLETE WITH LOGO, CREDITS AND TRADE DRESS!

RECOGNIZE THIS IMAGE? OF COURSE YOU DO! IT'S THE FIRST SKETCH OF THE COVER TO *DARKCHYLDE* #1/2, THE COMIC SITTING IN YOUR STINKIN' HANDS! CHECK OUT RANDY'S NOTE TO HIS INKER, JASON GORDER, TO MAKE ARIEL'S CHIN MORE ROUND.

COMPARE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN RANDY'S FIRST ATTEMPT AND THE FINISHED PRODUCT. NOT TOO SHABBY, EH?

SPECIAL BONUS PIN-UP

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